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In re Application of: 1753 Group No.: M. Pinarbasi Rodney McDonald Examiner: 09/458,581 Serial No.: SA998141 Docket No. 12/09/99 Filed: SPIN VALVE SENSOR FREE LAYER For: STRUCTURE WITH A COBALT BASED LAYER THAT PROMOTES

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed 02/03/2003 please amend the application as follows:

In the drawings

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A "Request for Drawing Amendment" accompanies this document.

Specification after amendment (see "Attachment" for present amendment)

Page 8, lines 16-17, the following three paragraphs are substituted:

Fig. 14 is a schematic illustration of an ion beam gun, target and substrate with the substrate rotated by angle α with respect to the target;

Fig. 15A is a perspective view looking from the right of and partially down on Fig. 14 with the ion beam gun enlarged and with the substrate rotated by angle β in addition to angle α ;

Fig. 15B is the same as Fig. 14 except the substrate has been rotated by angle β ;

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